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This afternoon, I had a frank talk with George Ball about our African policies (if they deserve the name). I thought him sensible on the subject, and trust his views will prevail.

Adenauer may have got himself in a fearful mess over leaking top secret documents to Julius Klein. It is almost incredible that he was probably so indiscreet, indeed dishonorable from the standpoint of allied agreement on security arrangements attaching to the papers involved.

We went across the street in late afternoon to drink with the Pinkie Thompsons and their agreeable guests from Albany, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Mr. Jones is an architect; I found him sound on the Master-Palladio.

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Final clean-up at Dr. Chase's this morning. X-rays disclosed no yawning gulfs.

Lunched with Jimmy Riddleberger. The Agrément has been asked for him as Ambassador to Austria, where he will be an excellent and worthy successor to esteemed Doc Matthews.

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Bill Trimble came to see me this afternoon. After 38 months in Cambodia, he asked to be assigned to the Department. He is working, not too happily, in the Bureau of African Affairs.

Had a talk with Toughy Lloyd about his future. He has just returned from Peru. I advised him to take Civil Service examinations to qualify himself for a possible appointment in Luke Battle's shop.

Joe Alsop came to see me at the house this afternoon.

Talked to Lewis Jones in London on the telephone, making final arrangements for the forthcoming stay with us of the Mac Bundys and the Lauchheims. Their visits have involved much correspondence, telegraphing, and confusion.